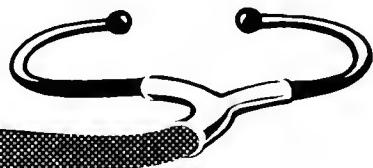


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Sixth District Postgraduate Assembly—Wed., Oct. 25  
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# Our President Speaks

## QUALITY OF MEDICINE

Representative Walter H. Judd eloquently expressed the concern most physicians feel, that the quality of medical care the American people have enjoyed, would suffer under governmental control. Representative Judd is more qualified than most to speak on the subject, since he is a physician as well as a long-time member of Congress. Following is an excerpt from his address.

"The public has been led to believe that they can get government financing without government control and ultimate government operation of medical services. It is naive for anyone to believe that Congress will take the people's money away from them through taxes and then allow the money to be spent by someone else without the Congress maintaining its own firm control. Congress would be completely irresponsible if it did not so control the funds it raises—and it is not and will not be irresponsible."

"Doctors tend to concentrate on improving the quality of medical care: those who don't understand the essentials of good medical practice take high quality for granted and concentrate their attention on trying to get more equitable distribution. They don't realize that a main result of the supposedly better distribution under government management is a deterioration of the quality of medical care, until it is hardly worth distributing more equitably."

"For when the government finances and operates medical services, three things that are essential to good care are inevitably compromised.

"I—First, the wholly voluntary relationship between the doctor and the patient. If the relationship is not completely voluntary on the part of the patient, he or she is not going to have full confidence in the doctor. If it is not voluntary on the part of the doctors, his heart is not fully in it under government management, the relationship cannot be wholly voluntary. The result will be injury to the patient's interest far more than the doctors."

"II—A second requirement is that there be complete privacy with no intermediary between the patient and the physician. When the doctor gets paid by the patient, the doctor works for the patient. When the doctor gets paid in part or in whole by the government, little by little, he comes to work for the government. Again, the average doctor may be better off, but not the patient."

"III—A third essential for good medical practice is that there be maximum incentives for the doctor to do his best work and constantly to improve himself.

"One such incentive is financial reward in accordance with his ability and his effort. Most people work harder and do better if they believe such effort will get them ahead financially."

"IV—Another major incentive is professional recognition and advancement. The doctor wants the respect and confidence of his patients—and he will work hard to win it. But even more to be coveted is the respect of his colleagues. The most rewarding thing that can come to any physician is to be known as a doctor's doctor. A doctor may be able to fool his patients with a high-powered personality and a smooth bedside manner; but he can't fool his colleagues."

—Alexander K. Phillips, M.D.  
President

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**EDITORIAL**

**RELUCTANT DRAGON — NO  
POOR PUBLIC RELATIONS — SI'**

Recently the newspapers gave substantial coverage to the story that E. Vincent Askey, President of the A.M.A., was a "reluctant dragon" because he would not debate Abraham Ribicoff, Secretary of Health, Education, and Welfare, on the subject of medical care for the aged under the Social Security System.

The article outlined that while Dr. Edward Annis had been selected by the A.M.A. to debate Mr. Ribicoff, the H.E.W. Secretary would have none of it. He would face Dr. Askey or no one. This despite the fact that Dr. Annis was willing and more than ready to go to the mat with him.

Unfortunately, the Miami surgeon who tied Mr. Walter Reuther, Senator Humphrey, and others into knots, debating this same subject, was not going to have a crack at Mr. Ribicoff.

Mr. Ribicoff's position is pathetic but understandable. He is not a health expert, he is a politician. Why should he debate a clever, articulate, forceful, persuasive, and handsome physician who knows the subject of health care thoroughly.

This is not to underrate Dr. Askey or his position as President of the A.M.A. He might well prove to be a formidable and effective opponent in such a debate. Still, Dr. Askey is older, less personable, and certainly would not project a TV image comparable to that of Mr. Ribicoff. "The Great Debates" have taught Democrats and Republicans alike the deadly effectiveness of TV oratory over a nation-wide hookup. Mr. Ribicoff has learned this lesson. In an oratorical contest with Edward Annis he would not only lose the debate on health care, he would hurt himself politically as well.

But what "bugs me" more than Mr. Ribicoff's fear to debate Dr. Annis is the poor public relations and press releases that surround such a public issue. Inevitably and always, as in this case, the A.M.A. and the doctor comes off second best.

Another example occurred at the recent Eisenhower White House Conference on Aging. Here Wilbur J. Cohen attacked the A.M.A. and the doctors

for "packing" this conference—and the press carried this smear in bold black streamers across the country. That this "packing" claim was untrue was also carried in the newspapers—but ineffectually. It was printed days later deep and lost on the inner pages of the papers.

Why is this so? Why are we forever on the defensive? Why must our actions always be counter actions—never a bold forthright and strong offensive. The answer is poor public relations from the top to the bottom of the A.M.A.

While there has been a noticeable awakening and improvement in A.M.A. public relations in the past year, we are still not fully aware of our responsibilities to the public—public relations-wise.

We could make a good start by employing our own public relations man or firm for the Mahoning County Medical Society. We can afford to do it and should do it—now.

### BLUE CROSS GROUP ADOPTS NEW PLAN

In a recent postcard poll, the Mahoning County Medical Society Blue Cross group voted to change from the old plan to a new and better plan, which includes the Blue Cross 120-day oil contract, and the Blue Shield Preferred Contract with a Rider providing for dependent children up to age 23. Previously the group carried the 120-day \$50 deductible Blue Cross and the Standard Blue Shield.

Members of the group have already received statements, and premium payments are due by June 20. The new policy will go into effect on July 1, 1961 and the group will be covered until June 30, 1962. There are 206 members in the group.

#### BLUE CROSS GROUP OPEN—PAYMENTS DUE

The Mahoning County Medical Society Blue Cross Group is open to new members now and until June 20. After that date, the group will be closed until next year at the same time. Members of the society who wish to join the Blue Cross Group may do so by writing to the society office for application forms.

If you are a member of the group, send in your payment today! Don't take a chance on your hospitalization coverage lapsing. Make your check payable to "Associated Hospital Service." Send the check to the office of the Mahoning County Medical Society before June 20.

### SECOND PITTSBURGH MEETING HELD

Another "Pittsburgh" Meeting was held at the Penn Sheraton Hotel on Friday, May 5. Attending for the Mahoning County Medical Society were Dr. R. V. Clifford, chairman of the Third Party Medical Care Committee, Dr. M. W. Neidus, Dr. H. J. Reese, and Mr. H. C. Rempes. Forty-three counties from all over the United States were represented.

A report was made on various meetings between representatives of the A.M.A. and representatives of the steel industry. Local counties then reported on their activities to meet the threat of third party medical care. Dr. Clifford reported for Mahoning County.

Only physicians and medical society representatives attended the 1961 meeting. At the first Pittsburgh meeting, held in 1959, representatives of the United Steelworkers of America presented the union's desire for comprehensive medical care at no cost to the steelworker.

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## SOME THOUGHTS ON COLLECTIONS

(Editor's Comment: The following article seems to us pure propaganda for the Medical-Dental Bureau. We must publish it to please the author but non-members of the Bureau are warned that they read it at their own risk.)

In forty years of practice I have used many methods of collecting. First, I tried to be my own collector, for fifteen dollars I bought from an itinerant salesman a book of form letters, very impressive with "American Credit Company—Collections Anywhere in the U.S.A." on the letterhead all embellished with official looking seals. The forms were perforated to be torn out and there were four grades of severity ending with a "Five Day Demand Notice" to be sent by registered mail. The trouble with that system was that after the debtor had thrown all the forms in his wastebasket the only thing left for me to do was throw his account in my basket, which made us all even.

Then I tried a hot-shot collection agency which promised to get the money or the debtor's hide for a trophy. They were aggressive alright and ruthless. But the trouble was to collect the money from the collector. When I would phone them and ask what they were doing they would say "What's the matter, you hard up, Doc?" and send me a check. I never got a statement or accounting from them.

So I gave my accounts to Earl Huffman who was doing most of the collecting for the hospitals. Earl is a fine gentleman and his methods were paced to a professional tempo. Our relationship was satisfactory and I would not have changed if it had not been that a group of my friends in the Medical Society away back in 1935 decided we should start our own organization to handle telephone call service, credit ratings, collections and other business matters under our own supervision.

The story about the beginnings of the Medical-Dental Bureau is fabulous and can't be told here (unless I should be urged a little). Talk about starting on a shoestring! We all put in ten dollars, hired the help, ordered the phones and opened an office which is still going strong.

Believe it or not, that ten dollars was all I have ever paid the Bureau. Since that they have been busy paying me. Dues, telephone call service, secretarial service, credit ratings and collections have all been free. Every month they send me a check and a report on their collection activity. When I was in the armed service those checks were as much as \$600.00 a month and they were most welcome.

Every month I send them a list of accounts, not just dead beats (I have eliminated most of them) but the slow, the reluctant, the mail returned and the ones who would rather have a new TV than pay the doctor. I no longer worry about them, let the Bureau worry. I am smug and satisfied and paying attention to medical practice instead of business. Least of all would I expect to pay the Bureau, let them pay me. That is what they are here for.

If you are interested in getting on the gravy train and getting Big Money out of the Bureau, see me and for a small fee I will tell you the secret. Don't ask DeCicco or Ray Hall, they are just interested in the success of the Bureau. So am I because it has been a soft touch for me. —J.L.F.

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## COMMITTEE APPOINTMENTS

Members of the newly appointed Investment Committee are: Dr. John J. McDonough, chairman; Dr. R. A. Hall, Dr. P. J. McOwen, Dr. G. G. Nelson, and Dr. A. K. Phillips.

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SYMPATHY: Our sympathies are extended to Dr. David Brody in the loss of his father; Dr. Edwin R. Brody in the loss of his mother and Dr. Myron H. Steinberg in the loss of his mother.

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CONVENTIONS: Dr. and Mrs. Louis Scharf attended the sessions of the American Psychiatric Association convention in Chicago. Drs. Loeser, Goudsmit, Gaylord, Hremos and Ebie attended the meetings of the American College of Physicians at Miami Beach. The latter two physicians are residents at Youngstown Hospital.

Among those who attended the Ohio State Surgical Society meeting in Columbus were: Doctors, J. M. Ranz, S. W. Ondash, P. B. Cestone, A. K. Phillips, J. B. Kupec, E. A. Massullo, L. J. Gasser and W. L. Mermis.

Drs. Detesco, Miglets, Frey and Parillo attended sessions of the American Academy of General Practice at Miami.

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CONGRATULATIONS: Karl Stertzbach, the son of Dr. and Mrs. Charles Stertzbach has been awarded an honorary scholarship of the National Honorary Society. He has been the recipient of many previous awards. This award was won in competition with 65,000 other Senior High School students. Hugh Banninga will be graduated from Bexley Hall of Kenyon College on June 5th. He will be ordained on June 9th at Trinity Episcopal Cathedral in Cleveland.

John Goldcamp, son of Dr. and Mrs. John Goldcamp was initiated into Phi Sigma Kappa fraternity at Gettysburg College. Dr. William H. Bunn, Jr. and Dr. David B. Brown have been certified by the American Board of Internal Medicine.

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SPEAKERS AND INSTRUCTORS: Drs. Leonard P. Caccamo, E. A. Massullo, Frank Tiberio and Elias T. Saadi are conducting a series of lectures and demonstrations on emergency heart treatment for members of the Youngstown Police and Fire Departments. Dr. Armin Banez addressed the Youngstown Toastmasters Club.

Doctor and Mrs. Sidney Franklin have returned from Portsmouth, Ohio, where Doctor Franklin was the after dinner speaker at the Annual Seminar of the Portsmouth Academy of General Practice, together with the 9th District of General Practice and the 9th District of the Ohio State Medical Association on May 11, 1961. Dr. Franklin's subject was "Medical and Legal Topics."

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VACATIONS AND THIS AND THAT: Dr. and Mrs. P. L. Jones were in the Bahamas for a two weeks stay in April.

Dr. and Mrs. H. E. Fusselman spent the month of May in Daytona Beach, Florida.

Dr. and Mrs. F. A. Friedrich were on a brief vacation. Dr. Friedrich did some fishing but got most of his fish at "Fulton's".

Dr. and Mrs. G. E. DeCicco, and their daughter Gail went to Granville on May 12th to spend the Mother's Day weekend with their son Bill who is a student at Denison University. Dr. and Mrs. Fred Coombs made the same trip to be with their daughter Alice who is also a student at Denison University.

Dr. and Mrs. B. M. Brandmiller visited with their daughter Ann at Wittenberg College during the Mother's Weekend. Mr. and Mrs. Sam Ewing (Dr. Genevieve Delfs) spent a week at the Homestead, Hot Springs, Va. and The Greenbriar, White Sulphur Springs, W. Va.

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**THIS AND THAT**

The following note was received from Dr. Lawrence Segal who is in retirement and writing to us from Surfside, Florida. His very pleasant letter goes as follows:

"Please convey my sincere thanks to the Mahoning County Medical Society for sending to me, the April issue of the Mahoning County Bulletin, the first one I received since my retirement from active practice. As usual I found its contents most interesting and gratifying reading, and the editorial staff is to be congratulated on a job well done.

The Bulletin has brought with it the most pleasant memories of the years spent as a member of the Mahoning County Medical Society, when I was engaged in the active practice of medicine.

I am anxiously looking forward to receiving all future issues."

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) Lawrence Segal, M.D.

I wish more of the former membership of the Mahoning County Medical Society would write letters such as this. First of all, we would all enjoy hearing from these gentlemen. Secondly, their address would then be available to their old friends for correspondence. Some might like to ask why, doctor, have you retired to Florida, what are you doing with your time, and is it everything you thought it would be, and would you advise those contemplating retirement to come to "upper Slovobia or lower Slovobia" and why.

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As the summer vacation period approaches, our President, Dr. Phillips, wishes to remind all the members of the Mahoning County Medical Society to make certain that when they leave the city that the physician who covers for them is aware that they are going to be out of town.

This should be doubly checked because in the past it has been a cause of chagrin to both the doctor on vacation and the man who has been assigned to take his calls. Somehow someone did not get the message and patients have been left "high and dry". It is part of good public relations and good service and our President feels that we should be absolutely certain that our patients are fully protected if and when we leave the city.

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**POSTGRADUATE DATE SET**

Plans for the 1961 Postgraduate Day of the Sixth Councilor District were announced at a recent meeting of officers of the district at Congress Lake Country Club. The postgraduate meeting will be held on Wednesday, October 25, in Canton, sponsored by the Stark County Medical Society.

The Congress Lake meeting was attended by officers of the Mahoning County Medical Society and those of the five other county societies in the district. Other problems affecting the district were discussed. Dr. Robert E. Tschartz, councilor, presided.

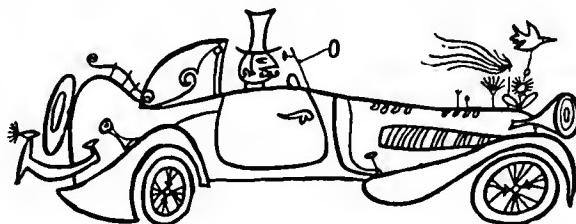
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## LOCAL ASSISTANTS SOCIETY NOW AFFILIATED

The Medical Assistants Society of Mahoning County became a member society of the Ohio State Society of Medical Assistants and of the American Association of Medical Assistants in May.

The step was taken at the annual meeting of the Ohio State Society of Medical Assistants in Dayton. Attending the meeting were Miss Mildred Butcher, Vice President and Mrs. Louise Ferguson, Mrs. Dorothy Pyatch, and Miss Evelyn Queen, members of council.

Mrs. Virginia Lewis, president, reports that the first project of the local society, a card party and style show, was a huge success, financially and otherwise. General chairman was Mrs. Dorothy Ryan. Her assistant chairmen were: Mary Fleaka, Ethel Wyatt, Ellen O'Konski, and Dorothy Klein. Approximately 300 attended the affair, held at the Pick-Ohio Hotel on Thursday May 18.

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## TWO NAMED HONORARY MEMBERS

Two members of the Mahoning County Medical Society were named to Honorary Membership at the May 16 meeting. Dr. L. George Coe, who recently announced his retirement, and Dr. Charles Scofield, former Health Commissioner of Mahoning County, were so honored by unanimous vote of the membership.

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## BOARD OF HEALTH BULLETIN—CITY OF YOUNGSTOWN REPORT FOR APRIL — 1961

	Resident		Non-Resident		<i>Total</i>
	<i>M.</i>	<i>F.</i>	<i>M.</i>	<i>F.</i>	
Births	144	131	154	167	596
Deaths	99	59	47	45	250
Infant Deaths	2	5	2	4	13

### APRIL 1960

Births	152	143	157	159	611
Deaths	82	66	53	39	240
Infant Deaths	4	4	7	1	16

### CONTAGIOUS DISEASES

	April, 1961		April, 1960	
	Cases	Deaths	Cases	Deaths
Chicken Pox	88	0	102	0
Measles	409	1	5	0
Mumps	22	0	158	0
Scarlet Fever	55	0	22	0
Tuberculosis	5	1	8	1
Gonorrhea	11	0	22	0
Syphilis	6	0	1	0
Infectious Hepatitis	3	0	1	0
Rheumatic Fever	1	0	4	0
Meningitis	0	0	1	0
Strep Throat	1	0	0	0

### VENEREAL DISEASES

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Syphilis	2	1	3
Gonorrhea	8	2	10
Total Patients			13
Total visitor (Patients to Clinic)			100



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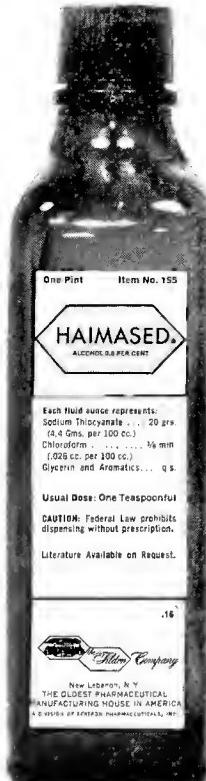
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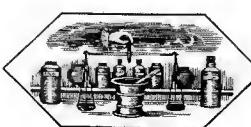
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## ANNUAL REPORT OF THE AUXILIARY TO THE MAHONING COUNTY MEDICAL SOCIETY — 1960-1961

It is my duty and pleasure at this time to give you a survey of the activities of the Women's Auxiliary to the Mahoning County Medical Society during the past year.

We tried to coordinate the priorities set up by our national organization, the needs in our own community, with our state president's theme: "Clarifying Our Creative Capacities" while using as guidelines the objectives set up in our constitution, which are reprinted in our yearbook. Thus, the protection of public health and the promotion of health education was served when Mrs. Hanysh's Community Service Committee distributed diabetes detection and information kits to all doctors' offices, during Diabetes Week, and sponsored our exhibit at the Canfield Fair. The Safety Committee, under Mrs. Segall, was responsible for the April Water Safety program, as well as for liaison with the local Safety Council. The Civil Defense Committee, under Mrs. Turner, made available "Catastrophe Kits," and was in touch with the Civilian Defense Director throughout the year. Mrs. Ruth provided subscriptions to the Bulletin of the Women's Auxiliary to the A.M.A. to 173 of our members, and to Today's Health, as a gift from the auxiliary, to 24 school libraries and 14 branches of the Public Library. Of course, our greatest educational effort was made in the form of guidance toward health careers. Mrs. Gambrel's committee took over the work of last year's Steering Committee and produced an exhibit which arranged to appear at the County Fair, 21 high schools, Y. W. C. A., settlement houses and library branches. Fifty requests for information about training in health careers resulted from appearance at the Fair alone. This exhibit was shown at the Sixth District Meeting, and at the O.S.M.A. Auxiliary Convention in Cincinnati. Mr. David Emrey, of the Mahoning County TB & Health Association, provided us with the idea, and most of the material for a "clothesline exhibit" with accompanying "Health Career Order Blank," which was used at the H. C. Recruitment Party on March 21, at South Side Unit of Youngstown Hospital. It promises to be a psychologically-sound approach to interest young people in health careers.

On October 26, with Mrs. Stotler in charge of the program, we were hostess to the Sixth District Meeting of the Auxiliary to O.M.A. Mrs. Caccamo and her committee helped to register the doctors so efficiently, that the Mahoning County Medical Society's Council honored the Auxiliary with a formal resolution of gratitude. Careful publicity was in Mrs. Caccamo's hands this year as well as the September program, which enlightened us on the image we, doctors' wives, evoke in the community. There was practical advice by Mr. Fred Nebot on tactics of public relations. Logically, the October meeting dwelt on our ambivalence in trying to be useful in our families and community, while keeping relaxed, and enjoying life. The Y. U. players opened our eyes to this problem with their mental health playlet, and Maggie Mulac was able to make dignified matrons enjoy games and song.

All this contributed to promote good fellowship among us. This third objective is served the year 'round by the Bowling League (Bea Cukerbaum, chairman). It was enhanced by the February Style Show, which Bess Lowendorff arranged in the Pick-Ohio Hotel Ballroom, and where our own members modeled Livingston's lovely clothes, for members and guests. And certainly good fellowship was boosted by the November 19 "Evening in Paris." That occasion meant hard work for the many who helped Co-Chairman Isabelle

Calvin and Belva Hardin. Those present will not easily forget the jockeys who raced for A.M.E.F., the flower and pretzel vendors, the French M. C. with his can-can girls, the singers, the band, the artists and the net of \$1,269.41, which enriched our scholarship funds and the A.M.E.F.

The mental health topic again influenced our January meeting. We were hostesses to the Auxiliaries to the Bar Association, the Professional Engineers, and the Dental Society, at a dessert tea and panel discussion on the "Problems of Aging." Besides our own Mrs. Werbner, a psychiatric social worker, the speakers were a recently returned Ohio delegate to the White House Conference on Aging, a sociologist from Y. U., a leader of a Golden Age Club, and Dr. Kiskaddon. As a result we had a glimpse of the psychological, social, medical, financial and legislative problems accompanying age.

Your officers or members represented the Auxiliary at the Mahoning County Conference on Aging, the Governor's Conference on Aging, the League of Women Voters meeting introducing candidates for political office, the Commencement exercises of the schools of nursing of the local hospitals, a caseworkers workshop, air pollution workshop, the Professional and Business Women's 40th jubilee, a hat show and luncheon of the Auxiliary to the County Bar Association, the Fall Workshop and the Annual Convention of the Auxiliary to O.S.M.A.

The minutes of the board meetings will reveal that your board tried to consolidate Auxiliary policy this year. Tangible evidence of this effort is a resolution amending the qualifications of students who might receive financial assistance from the Auxiliary in the pursuit of health careers. We made a recommendation to the State Resolutions Committee, which was referred to the State Achievement Awards Committee. We were one of seven counties sponsoring Mrs. W. H. Evans for nomination for election to the National Board. A note, inviting his wife to join our Auxiliary, is now enclosed with every letter of acceptance for membership in the Mahoning County Medical Society to new doctors in our county. Certain policies concerning committee duties, coordination of activity, expiration of memberships, were reinforced.

Atty. Paul E. Stevens led an extremely informative discussion on health insurance legislation at a poorly attended meeting, on April 6th. Mr. Stevens' message for the members of the Auxiliary and for the doctors is possibly best summed up in the story of the ants on the golf course: A player dropped a ball in a bunker, in the middle of an active ant hill. He thrashed around, trying to lift his ball to the green, killing and scattering ants, and destroying their building, with every ineffectual stroke. At last, one ant was overheard to tell another: "There's only one safe place! Let's get on the ball."—It applies to us. To safeguard American medicine, let us not hide, or shout "no" to every legislative proposal; let us not scurry off in all directions to avoid a threat to the freedom of our husband's profession, but: let's get on the ball.

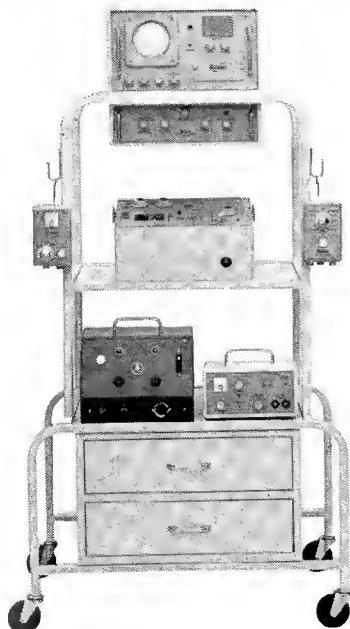
—Mrs. Hellen Goudsmid

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#### HEALTH AND WELFARE COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES

Dr. C. W. Stertzbach and Mr. Howard Rempes were appointed delegates to represent the Mahoning County Medical Society to the Health and Welfare Council for 1961-62. The appointment was made by Dr. A. K. Phillips, president.

Dr. W. P. Young was nominated a delegate at large at the May 4 meeting of the Health and Welfare Council Delegate Assembly. At the same meeting, Dr. B. B. Burrowes and Dr. Edward A. Shorten were elected to the Budget Committee of the Community Corporation.



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Lieutenant General Leonard D. Heaton, the Army Surgeon General, in an endeavor to prevent this costly relearning process, in the unhappy event of another war, has directed the preparation, publication, and distribution of the "History of the Medical Department, United States Army, in World War II." General Heaton is particularly eager that information of the existence and availability of this History be circulated widely among the profession, both military and civilian.

Of the 48 volumes programmed for the series, 15 have been published and can be purchased at modest cost from The Superintendent of Documents, Government Printing Office, Washington 25, D. C. The set of 15 volumes may be purchased for \$66.50 or individual volumes can be obtained at remarkably low prices as indicated below.

Volumes now available are:

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## DR. CLIFFORD ADDRESSES DAYTON GROUP

Dr. R. V. Clifford, chairman of the Third Party Medical Care Committee, recently addressed forty members of the insurance committee of the Montgomery County Medical Society in Dayton concerning the progress of his committee. Also invited to speak to the Dayton group was Dr. Edmund K. Yantes, representatives to the National Blue Shield Board.

## PHYSICIAN'S CAR STICKERS

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### LEO BROWN RECOMMENDS LOOK ARTICLE

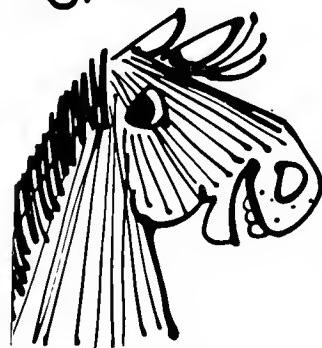
Leo Brown, speaking before the physicians of the Mahoning County Medical Society, highly recommended an article in Look Magazine, "A Family Doctor's Fight Against Socialized Medicine."

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This is a potent denunciation of socialized medicine in easily understood form. Write to the American Medical Association, 535 North Dearborn St., Chicago 10, Ill., and ask for a supply for your office.

In addressing the May meeting of the society, Mr. Brown further stated that the free practice of medicine is doomed if medical care is tied in with social security. He pointed out that medicine's opponents can afford to lose again and again and still come up with new plans, but that medicine can only lose once.

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## FROM THE BULLETIN

### Twenty Years Ago — June, 1941

Every so often medical men pause to take note with pride of the progress of medicine. In his President's page, 20 years ago O. J. Walker noted the following accomplishments: "In the short period of 150 years the life expectancy of man has been raised from 35 to 62 years. During this period typhoid fever has well nigh disappeared, smallpox has been robbed of its terror, diphtheria has been conquered; pernicious anemia, tuberculosis, diabetes, pneumonia, yellow fever and malaria have been brought under control. Infant mortality has been reduced 20% and the maternal death rate 32% in the last 8 years.

All that without antibiotics! Penicillin was a new discovery but not available. There was no polio vaccine and no cortisone. Nursing homes were not jammed with the helpless aged whose lives had been prolonged beyond their useful days by our science.

Much thought was being given to the plight of doctors being called to the armed services. A plan was proposed for a locum tenens arrangement so that half of the fees received from patients whose doctors were in the Army would be paid into a fund credited to the absent doctors. So far as we know this plan was never consummated. Further it was proposed that when the absent doctor returns home, every one of his patients will be sent back to him. The idea was altruistic but impractical. Time proved that patients can not be kept or sent or given. They are not property belonging to the doctor, the doctor belongs to them and the choice is theirs.

Luke Reed's committee presented to Council a plan for prepayment of medical service to people of low incomes. The Bulletin said it was a good, reasonable plan and urged that a start should be made. Whatever happened to that plan?

It was June, the weather was fine and doctors were on the go. Milton Kendall, Dave Levy and John Benko were away for post-graduate study. Robert Mossman was at his Canadian summer home. D. E. Montgomery was in Los Angeles. A. M. Rosenblum was at Swarthmore to see his son Alex graduate. Harry Fusselman was down to Staunton to see his two sons. W. O. Mermis was out in Kansas.

The A.M.A. met in Cleveland that month and everyone who could get away went up there. Clara Raven gave a paper and presented an exhibit on Leptospirosis.

### Ten Years Ago — June, 1951

The dinner dance last month was reported to be the most outstanding social event since the pre-war period. The success of the delightful party was due to the work of J. J. Wasilko, Ray Hall, R. Clifford, M. Conti, W. Flynn, J. Harvey, W. L. Mermis, M. Raupple and J. Stechschulte. It was held at the Youngstown Country Club and two hundred thirty doctors and their ladies were present. The Editor said that social activity in the Society could provide a basis for better fellowship and might be a distinct impetus for better attendance at Society meetings.

Dr. Nathan Shapiro from the University of Cincinnati addressed the Society in May on "Hemorrhage from the Upper G-I Tract." He described the Hampton X-ray technique for diagnosis of peptic ulcer. In treatment of bleeding from esophageal varices he demonstrated a three lumen nasogastric tube with an esophageal balloon which has been very effective when used properly. Dr. E. R. McNeal reported the meeting and said it was very

poorly attended. It was three days after the dinner dance.

Dr. Lucille Glicklich won first prize at the internes contest sponsored by the Mahoning Academy of General practice for her paper on "Enuresis in Children." Other prizes were awarded by President Howard Mathay to Henry L. Shorr and Robert Jenkins.

The Medical Auxiliary announced that during the past year it had provided two three-year scholarships for student nurses, made donations to both hospitals, the Hearing and Speech Center, the Bennett School and the Mental Hygiene Association. They provided subscriptions to "Today's Health" for the libraries of 26 high schools in Mahoning County. That is not nearly all they did for they had a big year under the leadership of Mrs. W. H. Evans.

Dr. Raymond E. Whelan died on May 6th. He was the first appointee to the Staff of St. Elizabeth's Hospital and devoted his life to its service. He was an outstanding surgeon, a brilliant teacher and clinician. Many of us can remember him in his later years making ward rounds in his wheel chair and keeping everyone on their toes by his keen evaluation of the work being done.

Dr. Clarence Sears died in April. He was one of our first gynecologists, an earnest, thorough worker and dependable friend.

New members that month were H. B. Munson, and F. M. Lamprich, Morris Rosenblum was back in practice after a year at the University of Pennsylvania. W. H. Evans was elected president of the American Society of Ophthalmological and Otolaryngological Allergists at St. Louis.

The Grievance Committee reported that it had been successful in handling satisfactorily matters referred to it.

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### SURGEON GENERAL WAS SPEAKER HERE

Dr. Luther L. Terry, newly appointed United States Surgeon General, was a speaker at the February, 1959, meeting of the Mahoning County Medical Society and the Youngstown Area Heart Association. Dr. Terry was then assistant director of the National Heart Institute.

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## PROCEEDINGS OF COUNCIL

May 23, 1961

The regular monthly meeting of the council of the Mahoning County Medical Society was held on Tuesday, May 23, 1961, at the Youngstown Club, Youngstown, Ohio.

The following physicians were present: A. K. Phillips, president, presiding, F. A. Resch, Jack Schreiber, C. C. Wales, M. S. Rcsenblum, John J. McDonough, H. P. McGregor, C W. Stertzbach, H. J. Reese, C. E. Pichette, Asher Randell, A. A. Detesco, F. G. Schlecht, Frank Gelzman, and G. E. DeCicco. Also present was Dr. L. S. Shensa. Absent were: R. R. Fisher, P. J. Mahar, E. R. McNeal, and R. J. Scheetz.

The meeting was called to order at 7:15 p.m. The minutes of the previous meeting were read and approved.

Bills were read. The motion was made, seconded and duly passed that the bills be paid. A list of bills is attached to the minutes.

Dr. McGregor reported that all delinquent dues were paid up. He reported on the sale of government bonds belonging to the society. The motion was made, seconded and duly passed that the society proceed with the investment program.

Dr. McDonough introduced discussion concerning a revolving loan fund to provide loans to doctors starting out in practice. The motion was made and seconded that the society sponsor a revolving loan fund and that the loan applicant appear before council or a finance committee. Following discussion, a motion was made, seconded, and duly passed that the previous motion be tabled.

The following application was presented by the censors and read by the secretary:

## INTERN-RESIDENT MEMBERSHIP

John Francis Bowling, St. Elizabeth Hospital.

The above applicant will become a member of the society within fifteen days after publication in the Bulletin, unless objection is filed in writing with the secretary during that time.

A letter was read from Dr. Robert L. Jenkins, Jr., requesting permission to schedule a Cancer speaker for the next April meeting of the society. The motion was made and seconded that the society have a Cancer speaker next year. Following discussion, the motion was defeated.

Dr. Wales discussed his activity as Legislative Chairman in contacting delegates to the United Presbyterian Church General Assembly in Buffalo in regard to a proposed resolution favoring tie-in of medical care with social security. He reported that of the six delegates he was able to reach, five were opposed to the plan and all were thankful that he brought it to their attention.

Dr. Phillips reported on a meeting of the Ohio State Surgical Association. He said that Dr. McCormick and Dr. Annis were speakers at the meeting, and that this association is being a real help to physicians from a social-economic standpoint.

Dr. Stertzbach introduced discussion concerning a pamphlet put out by the American Association of Physicians and Surgeons. The motion was made, seconded, and duly passed that a copy of the pamphlet be sent to each member of the society.

A report was made for Dr. Schreiber on the Cultural Seminar. A total of 185 physicians and wives enrolled in the three courses. The seminar showed a profit for the first year.

Dr. Gelbman introduced a resolution requesting that new active members be invited to attend a council meeting. The motion was made, seconded, and duly passed that the resolution be adopted. The suggestion was made that indoctrination for new members be made available in pamphlet form.

The motion was made, seconded, and duly passed that each associate member must attend an indoctrination meeting before becoming an active member.

Dr. Shensa offered the following suggestions (1) that either a charge be made to members not attending meetings, or that the names of non-attending members be listed in the Bulletin, (2) that interns and residents be indoctrinated as to the value of the county, state, and national medical associations, (3) that a publicity campaign be initiated to point out that no one in Mahoning County need go without medical care, (4) that the auxiliary be invited the next time there is a meeting involving a social-economic subject.

The motion was made, seconded, and duly passed that after Sept. 1, it will be the policy to publish monthly the attendance at meetings, and that attendance records will be kept.

Notice was taken of the fact that a new appointment to the Board of Health is due.

A request for speakers for four meetings of older persons of the United Steelworkers of America was turned over to Dr. Kiskaddon and Dr. Bennett.

Dr. Phillips announced the appointment of a polio committee to consist of Dr. Kurt Wegner, Chairman, Dr. G. E. DeCicco, Dr. Genevieve Delfs, Dr. H. P. McGregor, Dr. F. A. Resch, and Dr. S. V. Squicquero.

Dr. Phillips announced a medical-legal panel that would consist of the regular medical-legal committee plus Dr. G. W. Cook, Dr. J. P. Kalfas, Dr. J. J. Sofranec, Dr. Samuel Epstein and Dr. Erhard Weltman.

Dr. Reese made an extensive report on the Pittsburgh meeting. Dr. Reese was asked to make the report at the June meeting of the society.

Dr. McDonough introduced discussion concerning the Shearon Legislative Service. Following discussion, the motion was made, seconded, and duly passed that one subscription be taken in the name of the society, and that copies of the publication be mailed out with an issue of the Bulletin.

Meeting was adjourned.

—C. E. Pichette,  
Secretary

### MEDICAL HEALTH TENT PLANS UNDER WAY

The Canfield Fair Committee has held two meetings with representatives of health agencies and allied professions in preparation for the 1961 Fair. The meetings were held on May 10 and June 7.

Dr. McGregor, chairman of the Fair Committee, has announced that the Medical Health Tent will be at the same location as last year, and there will be 18 or 19 exhibitors. The theme for the exhibits will be centered about good nutrition wherever possible.

Dates of the Canfield Fair will be August 31, Sept. 1, 2, 3, and 4.

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